

# Turkey General Information

## Youth Hunts for Turkeys

A hunter must be 10 to 17 years of age to hunt in the general season youth hunt (April 8-14, 2016 and 2017).

A hunter applying for a controlled hunt open to youth only must be 10-15 years of age during the hunt for which they are applying, but they may not hunt until they are 10 years of age.

A 9-year old may purchase a junior hunting license and then purchase a turkey tag and/or apply for a controlled turkey hunt, but they may not hunt until they are 10 years of age.

Resident junior hunters under 12 must be accompanied by a licensed adult 18 years of age or older who must be close enough to be within normal conversation or hearing range without shouting or the aid of electronic devices.

Nonresident junior mentored hunters under 18 must be accompanied by a licensed adult 18 years of age or older close enough to be within normal conversation or hearing range without shouting or the aid of electronic devices.

## Tag and Permit Requirements

No person may hunt wild turkey without having in his or her possession the appropriate hunting license, general tag, extra tag, special unit tag and/or a controlled hunt permit.

A hunter may harvest as many turkeys as they have legal tags for that given year. There are three types of turkey tags available.

- General Tag (one tag per person per year)
- Extra Tag (two tags per person per year; cannot be used with a controlled hunt permit)
- Special Unit Tags (three tags per person per year)

Two turkey tags—one general and one extra tag—may be purchased for the spring turkey season before May 26. The waiting period for use of the extra tag has been eliminated. Special Unit Tags may be purchased at any time.

A hunter may use the general tag to hunt in any spring general

season or use the general tag with a controlled hunt permit to hunt in a controlled hunt. A second spring bird may be taken with the extra turkey tag. If the general tag is not filled during the spring hunt, then that unused tag can be used in a fall general or fall controlled hunt.

The spring and fall controlled hunt permits are valid only for specific areas and seasons as designated by hunt number, see page 22. A turkey hunter **must** have a controlled hunt permit **and** a general tag to hunt in a spring or fall controlled hunt. A turkey hunter may only harvest one bird per controlled hunt permit. An extra tag may not be used with a controlled hunt permit.

A special unit tag may be used during general fall seasons in Units 1, 2, 3 and 5. A special unit tag is also valid for any designated turkey depredation hunt, see page 25.

## Controlled Hunts

See page 22 for the list of hunts and page 23 for the controlled hunt worksheet.

Eligibility: Holders of valid hunting licenses are eligible to apply for controlled hunts subject to the following restrictions:

- Holders of a Nongame Hunting License, Hunting Passport, or a Three-Day Nonresident Small Game License may not apply for any controlled hunt.

## Application Dates:

- Spring hunt application period: February 1 - March 1  
Any left over permits go on sale April 1.
- Fall hunt application period: May 1 - June 5  
Any left over permits go on sale July 15.

Applications may be submitted electronically at any Fish and Game license vendor, by telephone (1-800-554-8685), on the Fish and Game website, or by mail. Mail applications must be received at any Fish and Game office and postmarked no later than the last day of the application period. Applications will be taken beginning no earlier than the first day of the application

## QUICK TAG OVERVIEW

If You Want to Hunt...	Buy a License AND a...
General Season, Spring Turkey	General or Extra Turkey Tag
General Season Fall Turkey	General or Extra Turkey Tag
Controlled Hunt, Spring Season	Apply for a Controlled Hunt Permit February 1-March 1 and use the Permit with a <b>General</b> Turkey Tag. Any leftover permits go on sale April 1
Controlled Hunt, Fall Season	Apply for a Controlled Hunt Permit May 1-June 5 and use the Permit with a <b>General</b> Turkey Tag. Any leftover permits go on sale July 15

period. Applications must comply with the following requirements:

- Only one application per person or group will be accepted. Additional applications will result in all applications being declared ineligible. For example, if John Smith submits a controlled hunt application for turkey, and then Bob Smith submits a group application for himself and John Smith, both applications for John will be declared ineligible as well as Bob's application.
- Each applicant for controlled hunts must submit a \$6.25 (\$14.75 for nonresidents) nonrefundable application fee with their application.
- A single payment (either cashier's check, money order, certified check, or personal check) may be submitted to cover fees for all applications in the same envelope. If a check or money order is insufficient to cover the fees, all applications will be voided.
- During the application period, Visa, MasterCard and Discover cards may be used to make telephone applications. Those using the credit card system will pay the \$6.25 or \$14.75 application fee in addition to a service charge. Charges will be explained upon request. To apply by credit card, dial 1-800-554-8685, 24-hours a day, or use the Fish and Game website.

**Group Application** is defined as two hunters applying for the same controlled hunt on the same application.

**Refunds Of Controlled Hunt Fee:** Hunting license fees will **not** be refunded to unsuccessful applicants. Application fees for controlled hunts are not refundable.

**Second Choice Drawing:** Single or group applications which are not drawn for the first choice hunt will automatically be entered into a second choice drawing provided the second choice hunt applied for has not been filled.

**Notification:** It is the applicants' responsibility to find out if they were successful in the controlled hunt drawing. Results for spring seasons will be available by March 20 under the hunting section of the Fish and Game website. Fish and Game will mail a postcard notification to all successful applicants by March 20. Results for fall seasons will be available by July 10.

**Nonresident Permit Limitations:** No more than 10 percent of controlled hunt permits may be issued to nonresidents.

**Unfilled (Leftover) Controlled Hunt Permits:** Any spring controlled hunt permits for turkey that remain unsold after controlled hunt drawings, may be sold on a first-come, first-served basis on or after April 1. Unsold fall controlled hunt permits will go on sale July 15. Hunters 65 years of age or older or hunters with a senior combination hunting license or a disabled hunting license may apply for first-come, first-served leftover youth-only controlled hunt permits. Controlled hunt permits will be issued to successful applicants. The 10 percent nonresident limitation shall not apply.

**Tag Transfer to Child or Grandchild:** A holder of a controlled hunt tag for turkey or big game may transfer that tag to his or her resident minor child or grandchild under the age of 18 who is otherwise qualified to participate in the hunt. The child or grandchild may be designated only one controlled hunt tag per species per calendar year. The transfer must be made before the opening date of the hunt. For more information and a form to designate the tag, please contact your nearest Fish and Game office or visit the licensing section of Fish and Game's website.

## Methods of Take-Restrictions

It is unlawful to hunt turkey:

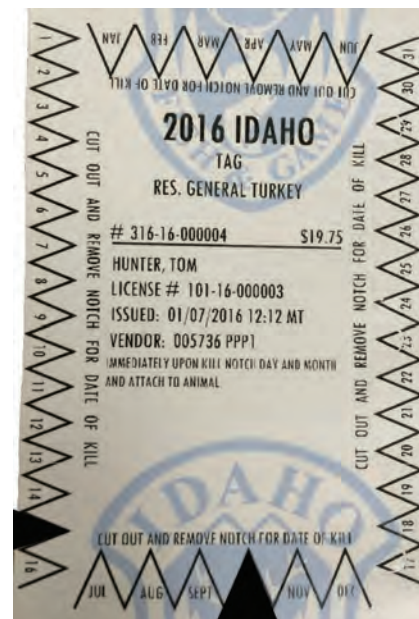
- With lead shot exceeding BB size or steel shot exceeding T size.
- By use of dogs, except during fall hunts.
- Also see pages 14 and 41.

## Areas Closed to Hunting of Turkeys

See page 42

## Tag Validation and Attachment:

- Immediately after any wild turkey is killed, a turkey tag must be validated and securely attached to the bird.
- To validate the tag, the hunter must cut out and completely remove two triangles on the border of the tag, one for the month and one for the day of the kill.
- The tag must remain attached as long as the turkey is in transit or storage.



Hunters must completely remove two notches indicating month and day of kill.

## General Hunt Seasons

(maps on pages 20-21)

- April 8-14, 2016 and April 8-14, 2017. General Spring Youth Hunt in Game Management Units open to General Season turkey hunting (see page 16 for age requirements) and open in Controlled Hunt areas to holders of a Youth Only Controlled Hunt Permit.
- April 15, 2016 through May 25, 2016 and April 15, 2017 through May 25, 2017. General Spring Hunt in Game Management Units 1, 2 (Except Farragut State Park and Farragut WMA) & Units 3, 4, 4A, 5, 6, 8, 8A, 10, 10A, 11, 11A, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 16A, 17, 18, 19, 19A, 20, 22, 23, 24, 31, 32 (except that portion in Payette County), 32A, 33, 39, 70, 71, 73, 74, 75, 77 and 78.
- September 15, 2016 through December 31, 2016 and September 15, 2017 through December 31, 2017. General Fall Hunt in Game Management Units 1, 2 (except Farragut State Park and Farragut WMA) 3, 4, 4A, 5 and 6.
- September 15, 2016 through October 9, 2016 and September 15, 2017 through October 9, 2017. General Fall Hunt in Game Management Units 8, 8A, 10, 10A, 11, 11A, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 16A, 17, 18, 19, 20.
- November 21, 2016 through December 31, 2016 and November 21, 2017 through December 31, 2017. General Fall Hunt in Game Management Units 8, 8A, 10A, 11, 11A, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 18. This hunt is open on private lands only. For the purpose of this hunt, "private lands" do not include corporate timberlands.
- September 15, 2016 through October 31, 2016 and September 15, 2017 through October 31, 2017. General Fall Hunt in Game Management Units 73, 74, 75, 77, and 78

## Bag and Possession Limits

The daily bag limit is one bearded turkey per day in the spring and one turkey (either sex) per day in the fall, except in Units, 1, 2, 3 and 5 where 5 turkeys (either sex) may be taken in a day during fall seasons. No more than two bearded turkeys may be taken per spring. The most tags one hunter may possess in one year is six.

### Tags: There are Three Types of Tags

- **General tag** is valid for spring and fall seasons. It can also be used during spring or fall controlled hunts with the purchase of a controlled hunt permit. If the general tag is not used to harvest a turkey in the spring it may be used in fall seasons.
- **Extra tag** is the second tag available in the spring. It is valid for spring general hunt seasons and may be used during fall general seasons. Cannot be used with a controlled hunt permit.
- **Special unit tag** is valid for the fall season in Units 1, 2, 3 or 5. The special unit tag is also valid for any designated depredation hunt during the calendar year, see page 25.

Two turkey tags—one general tag and one extra tag—may be purchased for the spring turkey season before May 26.

### Species Identification

The beard or leg of wild turkey must be left naturally attached to the carcass while being transported.


### Shooting Hours

**Shooting hours** are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Whether fishing, hunting, hiking, boating, or simply viewing wildlife from your own backyard, all Idahoans have the opportunity to enjoy Idaho's rich wildlife diversity.

Each purchase or renewal contributes a portion to Idaho's wildlife:


- Conservation**
- Habitat Improvements**
- Education**
- Wildlife Publications**



**Idaho Fish & Wildlife  
FOUNDATION**

Visit your DMV office  
or renew online.

## PRESERVING AND SUSTAINING IDAHO'S WILDLIFE HERITAGE



The Wildlife license plates are sponsored by the Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve and sustain Idaho's fishing, hunting and wildlife heritage.



# Wild Turkey Distribution

Shaded areas indicate general wild turkey distribution in the primary units open to wild turkey hunting.

Wild turkeys are not native to Idaho; but were first transplanted here in 1961. Since then, more than 150 translocation efforts have been conducted statewide.

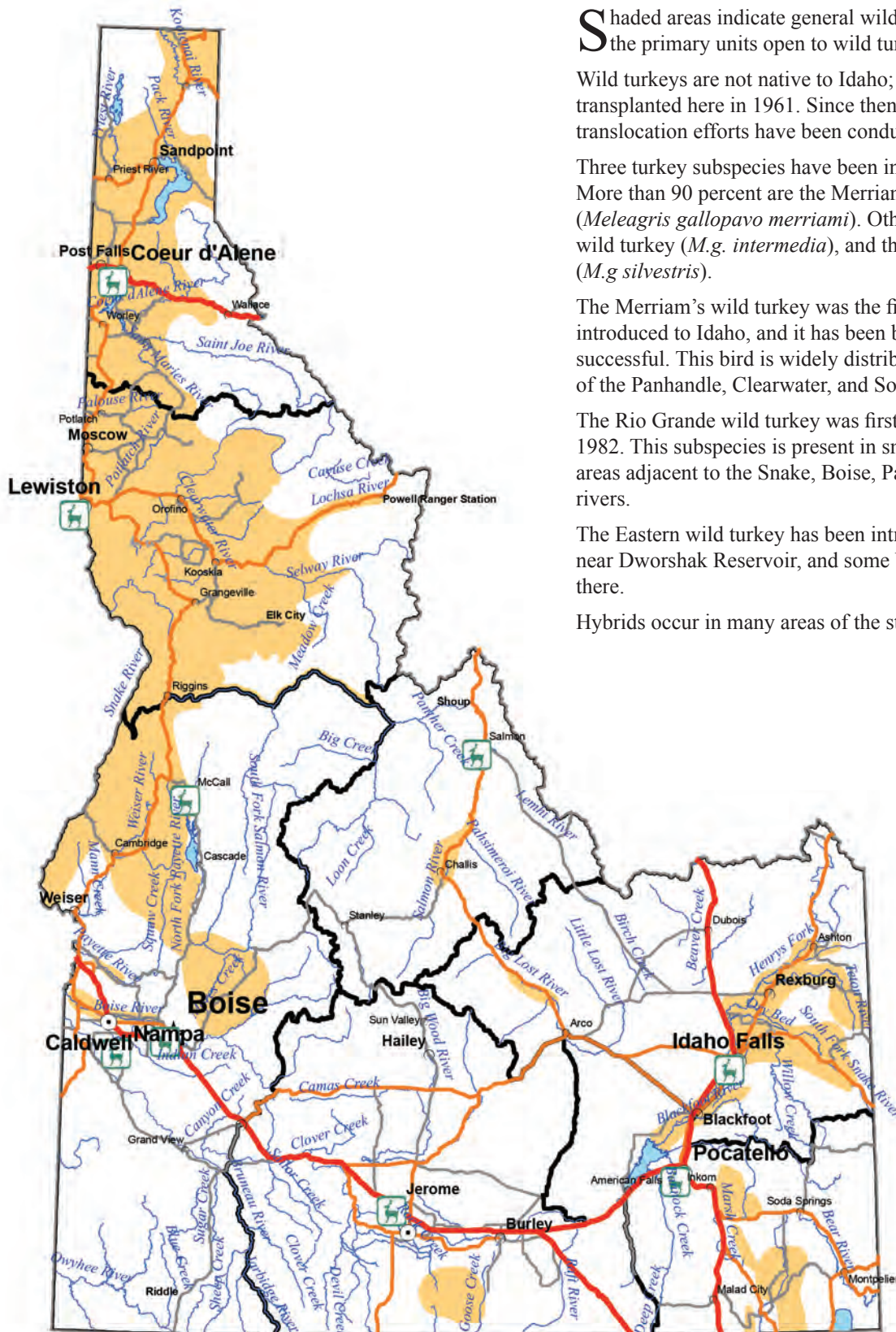
Three turkey subspecies have been introduced to Idaho. More than 90 percent are the Merriam's wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo merriami*). Others are the Rio Grande wild turkey (*M.g. intermedia*), and the Eastern wild turkey (*M.g. silvestris*).

The Merriam's wild turkey was the first subspecies introduced to Idaho, and it has been by far the most successful. This bird is widely distributed in the mountains of the Panhandle, Clearwater, and Southwest regions.

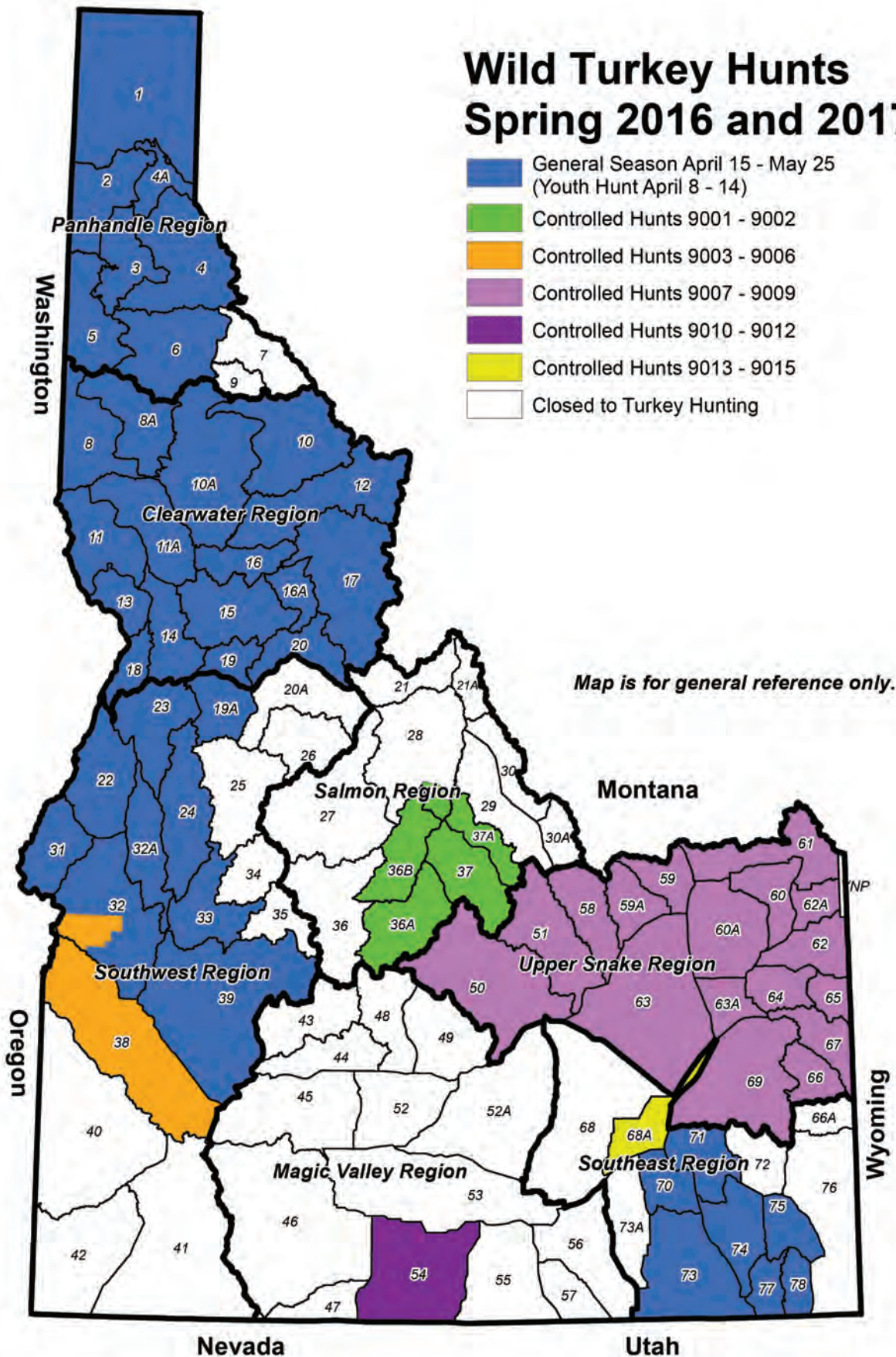
The Rio Grande wild turkey was first introduced to Idaho in 1982. This subspecies is present in small numbers in riparian areas adjacent to the Snake, Boise, Payette, and Weiser rivers.

The Eastern wild turkey has been introduced to a few sites near Dworshak Reservoir, and some birds may still be found there.

Hybrids occur in many areas of the state.



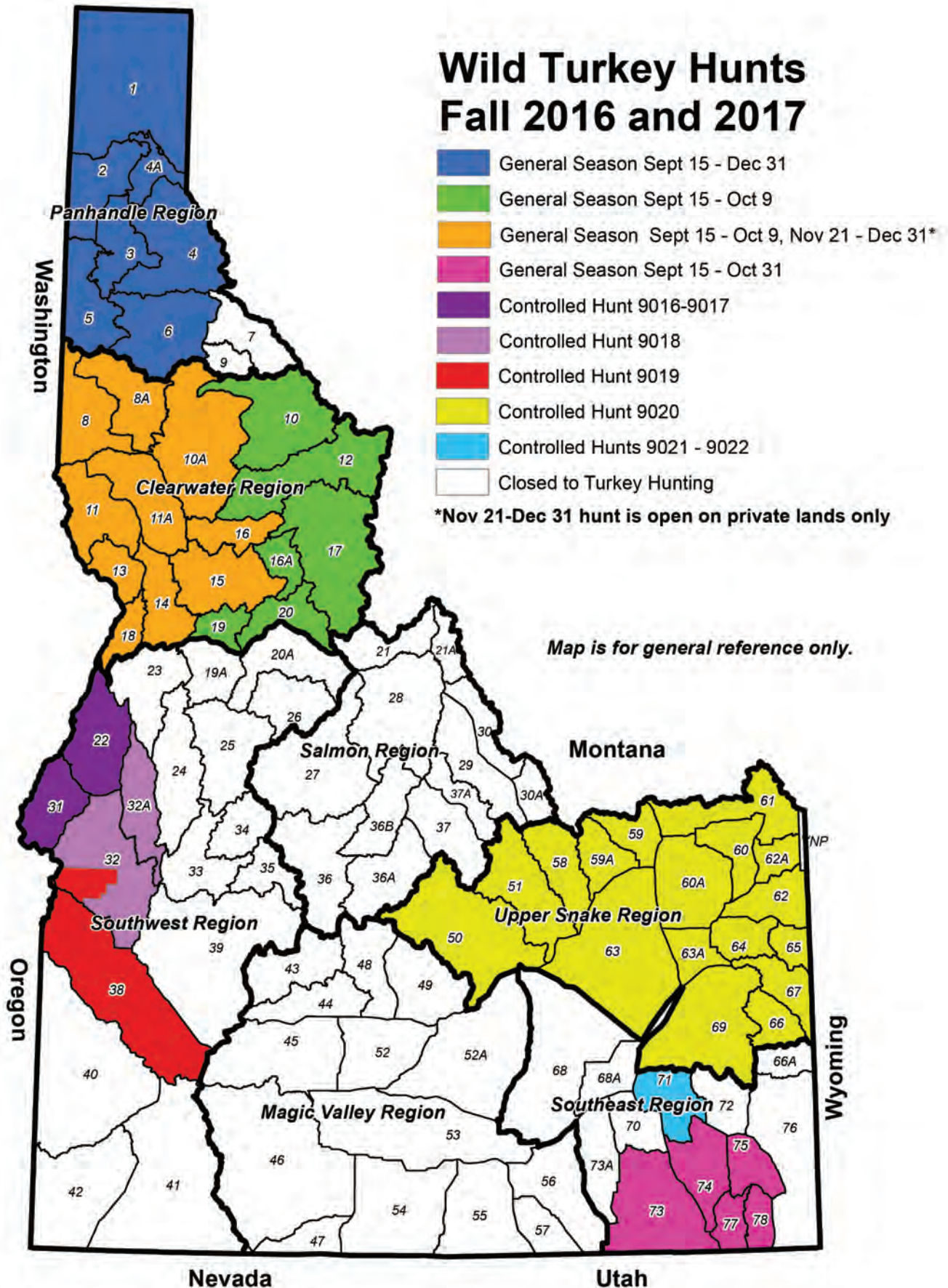
# Wild Turkey Hunts Spring 2016 and 2017



MAPS FOR GENERAL REFERENCE ONLY



# Wild Turkey Hunts Fall 2016 and 2017



MAPS FOR GENERAL REFERENCE ONLY

# Wild Turkey Controlled Hunt Seasons 2016 - 2017

Use these numbers on your controlled hunt application.		Youth Hunts - See page 16 for details.	
Hunt No	Controlled Hunt Area Descriptions	Hunts	Permits
9001	36B-1: All of Units 36A, 36B, 37, 37A, and that portion of Unit 28 upstream from and including the Hat Creek drainage.	April 15 - May 25 Access is Limited <i>(Recommend do not apply unless you have access to private property)</i>	15
9002	36B-1: All of Units 36A, 36B, 37, 37A, and that portion of Unit 28 upstream from and including the Hat Creek drainage.	Youth Hunt April 8 - May 25 Access is Limited <i>(Recommend do not apply unless you have access to private property)</i>	10
9003	38-1: All of Unit 38 and that portion of Unit 32 in Payette County.	April 15 - April 30 Access is Limited	60
9004	38-1: All of Unit 38 and that portion of Unit 32 in Payette County.	May 1 - May 25 Access is Limited	35
9005	38-1: All of Unit 38 and that portion of Unit 32 in Payette County.	Youth Hunt April 8 - April 24 Access is Limited	60
9006	38-1: All of Unit 38 and that portion of Unit 32 in Payette County.	Youth Hunt April 25 - May 25 Access is Limited	40
9007	50-1: All of Unit 50, 51, 58, 59, 59A, 60, 60A, 61, 62, 62A, 63, 63A, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69.	April 15 - April 30	125*
9008	50-1: All of Unit 50, 51, 58, 59, 59A, 60, 60A, 61, 62, 62A, 63, 63A, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69.	May 1 - May 25	125*
9009	50-1: All of Unit 50, 51, 58, 59, 59A, 60, 60A, 61, 62, 62A, 63, 63A, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69.	Youth Hunt April 8 - May 25	50*
9010	54: All of Unit 54.	Youth Hunt April 8 - May 25	30
9011	54: All of Unit 54.	April 15 - May 5	30
9012	54: All of Unit 54.	May 6 - May 25	30
9013	68A: All of Unit 68A.	Youth Hunt April 8 - May 25	15*
9014	68A: All of Unit 68A.	April 15 - April 30	15*
9015	68A: All of Unit 68A.	May 1 - May 25	15*
9016	22-1: All of Units 22, 31	September 15 - October 9	75
9017	22-1: All of Units 22, 31	Youth Hunt September 1 - October 9	20
9018	32-1: All of Units 32 (except that portion in Payette County), 32A	September 15 - October 9	75
9019	38-1: All of Unit 38 and that portion of Unit 32 in Payette County.	September 15 - October 9	40
9020	50-1: All of Units 50, 51, 58, 59, 59A, 60, 60A, 61, 62, 62A, 63, 63A, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69.	Youth Hunt September 15 - November 30	25*
9021	71: All of Unit 71	September 15 - November 30	200
9022	71: All of Unit 71	Youth Hunt September 15 - December 31	100
*See page 42 for areas closed to turkey hunting, i.e., federal refuges, bird refuges, active bald eagle nests, etc.			

Hunters: Please check controlled hunt area descriptions, as they may change annually. For Game Management Unit boundary descriptions, please see current Big Game Seasons and Rule Brochure.

## Controlled Hunt Worksheet/Application

Applications can be submitted electronically at any IDFG license vendor. Applications can be made using your credit card by calling 1-800-554-8685 or the IDFG website. Controlled hunt worksheets can be mailed with proper fees to any IDFG office. Credit card processing fees: 3 percent plus \$5.50. Internet: 3 percent plus \$3.50.

Use this worksheet to speed up the application process. Fill in the blanks with your current year hunting license number and controlled hunt numbers before you apply. Group Applicants: Two hunters may apply on the same application for turkey, spring and fall bear, moose, sheep, or goat.

How Many Hunters Are Applying?

Designate \$1 of Fee to C.A.P?  
(Citizens Against Poaching)

(Single application for deer, elk, antelope, bear, moose, goat, sheep, or turkey)

NAME #1

Date of Birth

LICENSE NUMBER

Yes

No

(Group application for deer, elk, antelope, bear, moose, goat, sheep, or turkey)

NAME #2

Date of Birth

LICENSE NUMBER

FEE TO APPLY: \$6.25 per Resident Hunter \$14.75 per Nonresident Hunter

1st Choice Hunt Number

2nd Choice Hunt Number

Controlled Hunt Applicants: Use this form for one species application only.  
You may photocopy this form.

## APPLY FOR CONTROLLED HUNTS BY PHONE: 1-800-554-8685

Use your VISA, MASTERCARD, OR DISCOVER card and this toll -free phone number to apply for controlled hunt permits. (A service charge of 3 percent of the transaction plus \$5.50 is added to telephone orders.)

## IDAHO'S TRESPASS LAW *Know Before You Go!*

No person may enter private land to hunt, fish, trap or retrieve game without permission if the land is

- Cultivated
- OR Posted with "No Trespassing" or similar signage every 660 feet (1/8th mile) or at all reasonable access points,
- OR Posted with 100 square inches of high visibility orange paint every 660 feet or all reasonable access points,
- OR Posted with high visibility orange paint on the top 18 inches of a metal fence post every 660 feet or all reasonable access points,
- OR Posted with signs where a public road enters and leaves property through or along which the public has a right-of-way.

Conviction of trespass on posted private property carries a mandatory one-year revocation of hunting/fishing/trapping licenses.

Federal law prohibits unauthorized trespass on Indian-owned reservation lands for hunting, fishing, or trapping purposes.

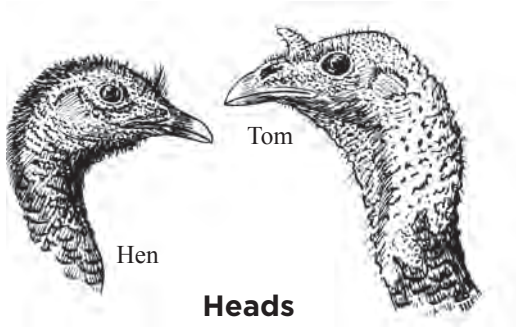
It is illegal for anyone to post public land that is not held under an exclusive control lease.

Refer to Idaho Code 36-1603  
[www.legislature.idaho.gov/idstat/Title36/T36.htm](http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/idstat/Title36/T36.htm)





# Turkey Identification and Safety Tips

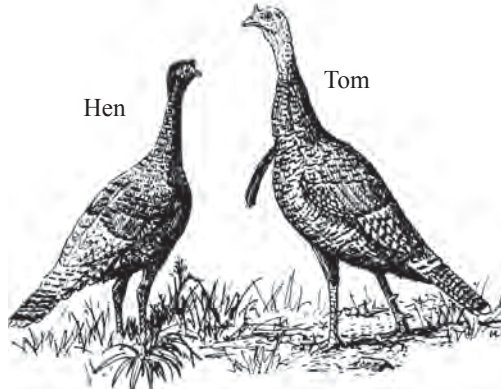
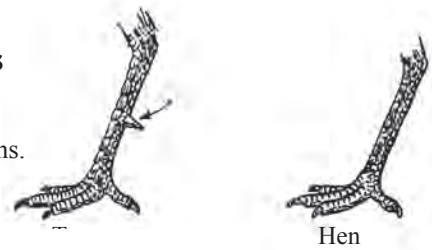


## Heads

- **Hen:** Scattering of short black velvety hair-like feathers. Head smaller and blacker than toms.
- **Tom:** Head bald with narrow band of feathers up the back of neck. Colors bright reddish-blue in spring.

## Evidence of Spurs

- Spurs on toms.
- Very small or absent on hens.



## Beards

Beards up to 10 inches long are present on the breasts of mature toms. Beards are generally absent on hens.

# Turkey Hunting Safety and Ethics



1. Positively identify your target.
2. Assume every noise and movement is another hunter.
3. Never stalk a turkey or turkey sound.
4. Don't wear red, white, or blue.
5. Protect your back.
6. Shout "Stop" to alert approaching hunters.
7. Make your position known to other hunters.
8. Preselect a zone of fire.
9. Choose safe, ethical hunting companions.
10. Practice courtesy and self-control at all times.

*All ethical wild turkey hunters support a series of rules that make wild turkey hunting the quality experience it can be. Following these rules will not only help maintain healthy flocks of wild turkeys in Idaho, but will also add to the challenge and excitement that is wild turkey hunting.*

- Do not disturb nesting hen turkeys or their nests.
- Though it is legal (during legal hours) to shoot a tom out of a roost tree, this practice is unacceptable among most sportsmen.
- If you hear another hunter calling a bird, allow that hunter to continue undisturbed and leave the area.
- Ask first to hunt on private land.

Photo courtesy Tim Bryson

## Turkey Depredation Hunt Sign Up

Special controlled hunts (not listed in these rules) are sometimes used to relieve game damage problems. If these hunts are needed, they will be held on short notice, involve small areas, and be limited to a few hunters.

### How Can I Participate?

If you are an Idaho resident, with a valid hunting or combination license, fill out the form on this page and mail it to the regional office in the area(s) you are willing to hunt. (You may photocopy this form if necessary.) All applications received from May 1 to June 30 will be placed in random order. All applications received after June 30 will be placed at the end of the list in the order received. The list will be valid from July 1 to the following June 30.

### What Are My Chances of Drawing A Depredation Permit?

Most regions issue only a few depredation permits each year.

### Special Unit Tags

A Special Unit Tag is valid for the fall season in Units 1, 2, 3 or 5. The Special Unit Tag is also valid for any designated depredation hunt during the calendar year.

### Remember

Send only 1 application per species. Hunters may apply only once per species per year. Applying for the same species in more than one region will result in disqualification from all regions. Hunters may apply for different species in regions. Please contact a regional office for questions.

## Depredation Hunt Application

### I/We are applying for Turkey Depredation Hunts

1st Hunter \_\_\_\_\_ Hunting license No. \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Hunter \_\_\_\_\_ Hunting license No. \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

### Game Management Units

### Send To:

1-7 .....	2885 Kathleen Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815
8, 8A, 10-19, 20 .....	3316 16th Street, Lewiston, ID 83501
19A, 22-24, 31-34, 38-39.....	3101 South Powerline Road, Nampa, ID 83686
54, 55.....	324 S. 417 E., Suite #1, Jerome, ID 83338
68A, 71, 73, 74, 75, 77, 78.....	1345 Barton Road, Pocatello, ID 83204
50, 51, 58, 59, 59A, 60, 60A61, 62, 62A, 63, 63A, 64-67, 69.....	427 Commerce Circle, Idaho Falls, ID 83401
36B, 37.....	99 Highway 93 North, Salmon, ID 83467

**Clip and mail to appropriate Fish and Game Regional Office**

**Attn.: Turkey Depredation Hunts.**